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YOUNG GERMAN IS HELD UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE

YOUNG MAN ARRESTED NEAR ALLIANCE MONDAY MAY BE A SPY

HAD MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Arrested For Making Treasonable Utterances, and Many Maps and Photos Found on Him

A young man, a German, is being held at the county jail pending a preliminary examination before United States Court Commissioner Judge Berry.

The suspect was arrested near Alliance, because of treasonable utterances and hailed to the court house. On being searched he was found to have in his possession a very expensive camera with numerous photographs of railroad tunnels, divisions, head gates, etc. In addition to these were a number of undeveloped films which Judge Tash believes, when developed, will prove to be pictures of the potato plants and sugar beet factories in this part of the country. The young man also had numerous individual maps of the northwest states—North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, Washington and Oregon. Besides this he had a very complete map of Canada. These evidences alone would be enough to put a man up before a firing squad were he caught in Germany with the same amount of data of the German empire.

The I. W. W.'s are enemies to the government, as their activities in the past have shown. The suspect is also an I. W. W., as he had in his possession their song book, rules and by-laws.

If a spy it is probable that the young German is one of an assignment of men delegated to plot the northwest territory and report to our enemies on the resources and conditions here. We have industries here that are highly valuable to the country. For instance the potato industry alone is a development of the war, inasmuch as before the war we depended upon Germany for all our potato. To cripple these plants would be quite a feather in Germany's cap. The chances are that some effort to do the plants harm will be attempted before another year passes. There are also the immense sugar factories at Bayard, Scottsbluff and Gering. We are getting short on sugar right along and if for any reason the plants were put out of order this source of food supply would be seriously affected.

Judge Berry received a wire Wednesday, saying that papers would be sent to cover the suspect's case and to go ahead immediately on receipt of the papers and hold the preliminary examination. This examination will determine whether or not the evidence against the German is sufficient to brand him as a spy and for delivery to the United States federal authorities for punishment. The punishment in that case would be very severe, in all probability.

Engineer in Serious Accident

Engineer N. T. Shawyer, on train No. 109, had a very unfortunate accident yesterday. While at Ellsworth when out on the running board of the engine, he slipped and fell to the ground, breaking a leg. He was brought to Alliance for treatment at the hospital.

BEE TOWERS CONFERENCE

George Harms, Who Is on the Sugar Beet Growers' Committee, Gives Report

George Harms, of Bayard, one of the sugar beet growers' committee in Washington to obtain a fixed price on sugar beets from the food administration, stated today that the food officials have agreed to have a commission of five appointed to investigate and agree upon the price. This commission will hold hearings in Scottsbluff and other sugar beet-growing centers, with a view to fixing a satisfactory price. Mr. Harms says that unless a price is fixed which will allow the growers a fair profit the sugar beet output in Nebraska will be reduced 50 per cent.

Charged With Pro-Germanism

P. J. Knapp was taken to Lincoln yesterday to appear before the State Council of Defense. He is guilty, it is claimed by many, of unpatriotic remarks bordering on pro-Germanism. An account for his actions and an explanation of the same will be asked for by the State Council.

Will Have Basketball Team

Some of the younger business men in the town are planning on having a basketball team this winter. Sidney and several other of the towns have asked for playing dates already. If Alliance only had a good gymnasium the men could put out a mighty good team, as it is they intend to practice where they can and a little later on play some games with Sidney, Scottsbluff and other towns.

There are only five men thus far that are prospects for the team—Rex Coryell, Bud Darnell, Lester Harvey, Jack Hartman and Jack Gleason. Mr. Gleason is trying to organize the team and will attend to the matching of games.

ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD AT LINCOLN

Box Butte County Should Be Well Represented at Organized Agriculture Week

Organized Agriculture Week, when more than thirty farm organizations in Nebraska will hold their annual meetings, will be held in Lincoln during the week of January 14 to 19.

Preparations are being made for handling the largest crowd in the history of the meetings. The entire program will be more or less influenced by the war spirit. Men of national reputation have been secured for the meetings and the farmer will be given an opportunity for discussion along any line in which he may be interested.

No matter in what special line the farmer may be interested there will be from two to a half dozen meetings of particular interest awaiting him. In practically every case there will be special discussion of the problems to be met in handling crops profitably in war time, for instance, the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association will take up, "First Crops in Relation to the War Problems." The dairymen, among other things, will discuss, "Nebraska Conditions for Milk Production." The Home Economics association will hold a special conservation day during the week. The Horse Breeders' association will take up the "Prospects After the War."

Tuesday, January 5th has been designated as Box Butte county day at the meetings and every farmer in Box Butte county owes it to himself to be present at one or more of these meetings if it is at all possible for him to get away.

Some of the adjoining counties are arranging for special cars to Lincoln and it is hoped that Box Butte county will also be well represented. A single item gleaned from one of the many meetings during the week has often, during the year, more than paid the expenses of the trip to Lincoln. For further information regarding the meetings see the county agent.

ACCIDENT IN RAIL ROAD YARDS

New Engine From Havelock Put Out of Commission Wednesday Afternoon

A brand new engine—No. 1977—was put in the hospital Wednesday afternoon. It had just been received from the Havelock shops and was quite a credit to the system up to the time of the accident. The crew assigned to the engine started to leave the yards and when out a little ways smashed head-on into a string of box cars.

The engine made kindling wood of two of the cars and went half way into another car. The engine was bent up in the center and had the smoke stack, headlight and cow-catcher torn clear off. The wreck put the big engine out of commission and it will probably be sent back to Havelock to be put into shape suitable for service.

Charged With Grand Larceny

Complaint was filed at the court house Wednesday against Charles O. Smith by Walter Anderson. The charge against Smith is grand larceny, as Anderson accuses him of stealing two Burlington pay checks amounting to nearly one hundred dollars, a \$15 watch and an overcoat. This case will be tried this week.

M. E. Choir Entertained

The Methodist Choir was most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. A. T. Lunn last Thursday evening. A fine large Christmas tree had been provided for the occasion and all decorations were carried out in red and green. The young people passed the evening with Christmas games and contests. About twenty present.

Hugh Davenport spent Christmas day in Alliance, returning to Bayard Wednesday.

VOLUNTARY INDUCTION INTO THE U. S. ARMY

Men Who Do Not Want to Wait for Draft Call May Be Sent to Camps for Training

Governor Neville has forwarded to the local exemption board a telegram from the provost marshal general instructing them in methods of enforcing the voluntary induction system adopted by the government to enable men subject to the second draft to be sent immediately into the army service. Men who do not care to wait for a call under the draft may present themselves to the local boards and be sent to places other than mobilization camps. The latter camps are not sufficient stocked with supplies to care for more men at this time, so registrants who desire to be voluntarily inducted into the service will be sent by local boards to any of the following points:

Aviation Section Signal Corps, to Kellyfield, San Antonio, Texas. Land Division, Signal Corps, to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Medical Department, to Medical Officers' Training Camp, Fort Riley, Kansas, by local boards west of Mississippi and to Medical Officers' Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, by local boards east of the Mississippi. Quartermaster Corps: To Camp Joseph Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla. Ordnance Department: To Raritan Depot, Raritan, New Jersey. Infantry: By local boards of Pacific Coast States to Fort McDowell, California; By all other local boards to Camp Greene, Charlotte, North Carolina. Organization on conditions are such that only white men may be sent to the places named in this order, therefore no negroes will be inducted under Section 150 until further orders.

Supply conditions are such that no men at present may be inducted under this method from service in the cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery or engineer corps. Similar conditions at the mobilization camps prevent the sending to such camps of men voluntarily inducted.

The common interpretation placed upon the provost marshal general's instructions are that registrants who desire to be inducted into the service may choose the branch of service to be entered, cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery and engineer corps not being now included in the branches which they can choose. The local boards are placed upon their mettle to demonstrate their efficiency as recruiting units for the government. Under the instructions it would appear that either the registrants or the local boards may choose the branch of service in which men may be voluntarily inducted, with the branches limited as above. As the men are to be sent a long distance local boards are cautioned to use the utmost care in physical examinations so that no unfit man may be forwarded to his destination. Transportation and meal tickets will be provided for men forwarded.

Wedding Bells

At the home of Miss Lottie Wilson, 304 Sweetwater avenue, on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, Mr. Sam W. Carr and Miss Lillian A. Furze were united in marriage, Rev. Dr. Morris officiating. The home was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and a delightful dinner was served in honor of the event. The contracting parties will make their home in Alliance.

BIG SALE STARTS JANUARY 3

G. M. Burns' Big Sale of Merchandise in the Masonic Building

G. M. Burns is very busy this week getting his stock of goods in readiness for the big sale to start on Wednesday in the corner room of the Masonic building at Third and Laramie streets.

The stock of goods is complete and consists of groceries, shoes, dry goods, notions, mackinaws, sweaters, etc. Also a full line of rubber goods.

Prices will be so low that the stock will, no doubt, move quickly and all those wishing real bargains in seasonal merchandise would do well to visit this store during the early days of the sale.

Leave for New Home

Mrs. Horace Bogue and three children left Thursday morning for Seattle, Wash., where they will make their new home. Mr. Bogue will be in the city for some time attending to his business affairs. The new address of Mrs. Bogue will be after the first of the year, 416 West Comstock, Seattle, Wash.

ASKS MERCHANTS FOR CONSERVATION

State Council of Defense Asks Dealers in the State to Shorten Hours and Reduce the Deliveries

The Nebraska State Council of Defense last week sent out two appeals to merchants, one for the shortening of the business day, and the other by reducing the deliveries in order that more men might be released for government service. The requests sent out are as follows:

"The Nebraska State Council of Defense, recognizing the urgent necessity of conserving every possible pound of coal now used as fuel and for the purpose of generating electricity, and believing that a considerable saving can be effected through the shortening of the business day do hereby make the following requests of retail merchants of the state of Nebraska, effective, January 1, 1918:

1. That stores open for business not earlier than 7 a. m.
2. That on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all retail stores close not later than 8 p. m.
3. That no retail stores be opened on Sunday.
4. Believing that at the time is not far distant when all stores will be asked to curtail the length of business hours on Saturday we recommend that whenever at all practical merchants of a town get together and mutually agree on an earlier closing hour for Saturday than is now in practice.

We also recommend that the merchants of the separate towns mutually agree on as early as possible an hour for the turning off of all window lights.

It is clearly recognized that there are some lines of business that it may be impracticable for them to co-operate with this early closing request, such as restaurants.

"We believe the people of Nebraska will recognize that this request is the outcome of war conditions and we ask the co-operation and endorsement of both merchants and consumers.

The Nebraska State Council of Defense, having received a request from the Council of National Defense to recommend all means that will release the man power of the state, and believing that a considerable number of men might be so released by reducing the number of deliveries now being made by the retail stores of the state, do hereby make the following requests of the retail merchants of the state of Nebraska, effective January 1, 1918.

1. That only one delivery per day be made.
2. That whenever possible all consumers endeavor to anticipate their wants and allow goods to be delivered the day after they are purchased.
3. Whenever co-operative delivery systems are now installed, that all merchants use this system if it is at all possible.
4. Wherever co-operative delivery systems are not now in operation, that all merchants earnestly try and organize one, if it is at all practical.

SENDING OUT QUESTIONNAIRES

Half of the Questionnaires Have Already Been Sent Out by U. S.

Up to date Nos. 1 up to 400 have been sent out. In all, there are 803 numbers to be mailed questionnaires, almost half of which have been sent out up to date. Wednesday Nos. 321 to 360, inclusive, were sent out; on Thursday Nos. 361 to 400, inclusive, were mailed out. If your number lies between 1 and 400, and you haven't got your questionnaire as yet, you had best go immediately to the office of the county clerk and see what the trouble is.

Our Sentiments Exactly

The author is unknown. A friend handed in a card with the following bit of classic rhyme printed thereon; and entitled "A Roast to the Kaiser:"

"Here's to the kaiser
The limburger cheese—
May the swell in his head
Go down to his knees.
May he break his damn neck
On the Hindenburg line
And go to hell croaking
The Watch on the Rhine!"

Out on Probation

Wednesday L. M. Beal pleaded guilty to the charge of assault brought against him last week. As he is a hard working man, Judge Tash decided to leave the matter of a fine in his own hands, so he put him under probation, that as soon as he lost his temper again and struck anyone a fine of \$25 would automatically fall upon him. This theory of the judge is a very good one. If the man paid the fine he would soon forget it, but as long as he has the \$25 the chances are he will try to keep it. As it was, Mr. Beal had but to pay the costs.

W. C. T. U. PATRIOTIC MEETING THURSDAY

An Excellent Program to Be Given in the M. E. Church, January 3, 1918.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a patriotic meeting in the M. E. church of this city Thursday afternoon and evening, January 3, 1918. Every patriot, man woman and child, is urged to be present with a flag and Red Cross button on. We want everybody to show how patriotic they can be.

The following program will be rendered:

- Afternoon—1:30 P. M.
Devotionals.....Mrs. J. W. Morris
Piano Duet.....Alta Young, Reo Lund
Words of welcome.....Mrs. Keegan
Women's Council of Defense.....
.....Mrs. J. B. Dole
"Keep the Home Fires Burning"
.....Mrs. Lund
Red Cross.....Mrs. Jerry Rowen
W. C. T. U. Patriotism.....
.....Mrs. A. A. Layton
Solo.....Mrs. Ralph Beal
Home Problems.....Miss Sherwin
Soldiers' Mothers.....Rev. J. W. Morris
Song....."Star Spangled Banner"
Evening Program—7:45 P. M.
Devotionals.....Mrs. S. J. Epler
Cornet Solo.....Mrs. Waddell
"Over There".....Boy Scouts
Reading.....Mrs. E. J. Laing
Solo.....Alta Young
Address, "Great National W. C. T. U. Convention at Washington"
.....Mrs. A. A. Layton
Offering
Tenor Solo.....B. V. Reeves
Benediction

Feed Soft Corn

One of the most profitable uses for soft corn will be in feeding hogs and steers, according to the department of animal husbandry of the University of Nebraska. One would be justified in feeding considerable protein supplement in conjunction. Oil meal and cottonseed meal are relatively cheap taking into consideration the cost of good corn. Experiments have proved that they are worth more than their weight in corn for feeding cattle.

SOME GOOD ARMY JOBS OPEN

Opportunities for Men Who Are Subject to United States Army Draft

Men subject to the draft may yet enlist in the Signal corps of the army or some authorized branch of the signal corps. To enlist in this the applicant must present a card, which can be obtained from the signal officer at Washington, D. C., to the recruiting officers which proves to them his eligibility to the service. Men accepted under this authority will be sent to the regular recruiting depot or depot posts for enlistment. Further information may be obtained at the local recruiting station in Alliance.

Applicant for United States guard will be accepted from now on, and sent to regular stations for enlistments. The pay will be the same as in the infantry branch, dependency being no bar to enlistment.

Seed Corn Situation Critical

It is imperative that farmers select and care for their seed corn at once. Nebraska is facing the most critical seed corn situation in its history. Neighboring states are in as bad, if not a worse condition. Every farmer who selects his seed corn now and cures it properly can sell any surplus next spring at a good price. Those who do not take care of their own supply may find the price so high next spring as to be almost prohibitive.

Help send the Firemen's delegates to the convention by attending the big dance at the Opera House next Monday evening. Good orchestra. Admission, \$1 per couple. 4-11

The Rebekah Circle will entertain the members and families of the Rebekah Lodge Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. lodge hall after the regular lodge session. All members are requested to be present.

RED CROSS DRIVE ADDS EIGHT HUNDRED MEMBERS

RED CROSS DRIVE IN ALLIANCE ABOUT UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS

MEMBERS TAKEN UNTIL JAN. 1.

Much Hustling Necessary to Reach the High Mark Set by Chadron—Sixteen Hundred

The Red Cross drive and sale last Friday and Saturday succeeded in raising nearly seven hundred dollars and about eight hundred new members. The sale of articles donated was run off quite successfully by Auctioneer Casey. The people were very liberal in giving items to be sold, all of which were articles that could be easily sold.

The largest donation was made by the Newberry Hardware company, and consisted of a chest of table silverware. When put up for sale, no bid was made anywhere near the value of the silver so that the Red Cross workers did not feel justified in selling it. On being returned to Mr. Newberry a check for \$35 was given in place of the silver.

The largest amount of money raised was in the booth at the First State Bank and amounted to considerable over the hundred dollar mark. A great many donations were taken in where the men refused to give their names or accept a membership button. This aided the local Red Cross all the more, as no part of such donations is given the national organization. The biggest share of the money raised was on membership fees.

Alliance is a city of over five thousand inhabitants; Chadron has a population of 4,000. Alliance got a membership of 800; Chadron got a membership of 1,600—just double. It is no fault of the workers here—it is the spirit—and the great number of shifting population that accounts for the difference. Still, there are a great many more around Alliance that should get in touch with the Red Cross and take out memberships.

Mrs. Rowan states that the membership campaign will be open until January 1st, so there is still time for non-members to join. Also that after the first of the year the work of the Red Cross will be concentrated on surgical dressings and knitting. The work has been delayed a little because of inadequate supplies.

A list of donors and those active in carrying on the campaign will be given next week.

Eldred-Rhein

Miss Eunice Eldred and Mr. James E. Rhein, both of Alliance, were married at the Paxton hotel in Omaha on December 6th. The young couple spent a few days in Omaha and then journeyed to their home at Wagner, S. D. Mr. Rhein is a nephew of J. S. Rhein of the Rhein-Rousey company, and has for some time past resided in Alliance, having made during that time a number of well-wishing friends here. Miss Eldred is a very popular young lady of the city. Her many friends extend to her their best wishes for happiness.

LOCAL FIRM GET WHITE AGENCY

Well Known Local Automobile Firm Add Another Line of High Grade Cars

The White Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, announces that the firm of King & Smith, of Alliance, have been appointed as their dealers in this territory for the high grade line of White automobiles and trucks.

Charles M. Gillespie, factory representative for the company, was in the city the first of the week on business. He covers the western territory in which Alliance is located and frequently visits this city. He was pleased to confirm the appointment of King & Smith as Alliance dealers.

To Speak at M. E. Church

Mr. Morris will speak Sunday morning at the Methodist church on "Divine Purpose in Human Redemption." The topic for Sunday night will be "The Handwriting On the Wall." There will be special music at the evening service. The public is cordially invited.